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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jul 27, 2000

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 5, "not do" should be --do not--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by MacKenzie (493,730).

MacKenzie discloses a device comprising a hollow tubular sleeve (A) having a plurality of teeth (a) at one end, said teeth being substantially in line with the side surfaces of said sleeve, so that said teeth (a) do not substantially increase the diameter of said sleeve (fig. 2).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Dalzell (640,108) discloses a hollow tubular sleeve having a plurality of teeth

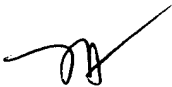
Oloff et al. (4,913,143) disclose a hollow tubular sleeve having a plurality of teeth.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to (Jackie) Tan-Uyen Thi Ho whose telephone number is (703) 306-3421.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful. The examiner's supervisor, Henry Recla, can be reached at (703)308-1382. The Group FAX number is (703) 305-3590.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of the application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 308-0858.



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